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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : COPPOLA, Vito A.
SERIAL NO : 09/824,321
FILED : April 2, 2001
TITLE : METHOD OF SUPPRESSING THE OXIDATION
CHARACTERISTICS OF NICKEL

Grp./A.U. : 1742
Examiner : Ip, Sikyin
Conf. No. : 1241
Docket No. : P04988US1

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
(37 CFR 1.136(a))

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2002 for one month from October 8, 2002 to November 8, 2002.

A check for \$110 for one month is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

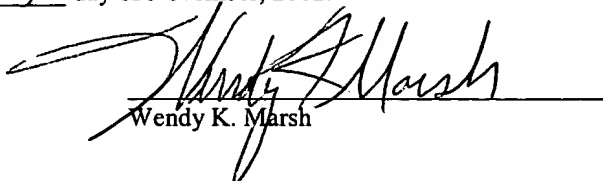
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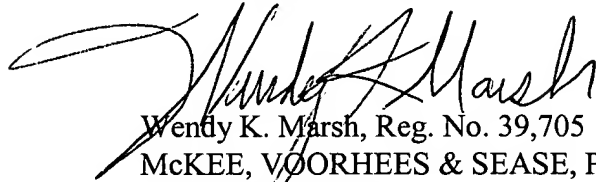
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Wendy K. Marsh

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy K. Marsh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "M".

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